

Portland, Maine. Feb. 24th 1892

The Sinking Fund Question.

It seems that the Republican was in error yesterday with reference to the date upon which the amended sinking fund ordinance took effect. Having been informed that the ordinance itself did not provide for its going into effect "after its legal publication," we did not take the trouble to look the matter up personally (our file being in the hands of the binder), but wrote what appeared yesterday upon the assumption that our informant was correct. The evident intention of the council was to have the ordinance take effect at once, and the officials acted upon the idea that it was in force, but the section providing for its "legal publication" was added by the city attorney in drawing the ordinance, just as it is added to all ordinances, and not because of any purpose to interpose an interim between the passage and the taking effect of the enactment. Everything that was done subsequently was done under the supposition that the ordinance took effect immediately upon its passage, and if that is the only thing to be complained of it can easily be remedied.

The only other points in the controversy are the alleged insufficiency of the security and the failure of the mortgage to state in terms the consideration. The first of these we spoke of yesterday, and cannot add anything thereto, because there is nothing to be added to that plain statement of fact. As to the form of the mortgage there is a wide difference of opinion among real-estate men and lawyers as to whether the mortgage is or is not faulty. One well known attorney, upon reading the opinion of the supreme court published in the columns of our kicking contemporary, stigmatized it as "a fool decision" that the court itself would not stand by. The books generally recognized as good authority do not agree with this recent decision, and there is evidently good ground for the belief that the mortgage is sufficient.

The temper exhibited by those who are so free to complain of the acts of the city government in this matter, however, is the chief thing with which we have to do; the error, if there was any, is not difficult to rectify. The officers of the city are representative men, all of them taxpayers, and some of them are large contributors to the city exchequer in the way of taxes. They do the business of the city for the most adequate pay, chiefly because they are interested in its welfare. If the money of the city is squandered it helps to make their own taxes higher, and we submit that charges and insinuations of reckless extravagance and criminal carelessness cannot with an ill grace from those who have never betrayed a willingness to make any sacrifices or perform any service that will add to the general prosperity, but have been best content to stand off and growl. The acts of our public officers are proper subjects of discussion and criticism, but neither individuals nor newspapers have any right to charge thievery, peculation and other crimes to them without pretty good evidence to sustain the accusation. The men who do our public business are reputable citizens, and that they enjoy the confidence of their neighbors is proven by the fact of their selection by popular vote to take charge of our municipal affairs. The charges and insinuations of the growlers can do them no harm in the public estimation, but they are annoying nevertheless.

The Arkansas Republican Convention will meet at Little Rock, April 8th, to select delegates to the National Convention at Chicago. The Massachusetts State Convention will meet at Boston, April 20, for the same purpose.

Tax United States Senate has passed a bill appropriating \$900,000 for furnishing arms and equipments to the militia of the several states; and the House has passed a bill appropriating \$150,000 for the education of Indian children.

KANZ county is agitated over the indictment of a large number of butchers and cheese factory men, who are alleged to have sold liquor to minors.

In Great Britain success in suppressing the slave trade in Egypt, a military campaign will be a profitable one. Negroes are now being sold into slavery daily.

Tax False Prophet found assassin.

BY TELEGRAPH

A ROYAL GIFT.

Right Royally Bestowed and Gracefully Received.

The Queen's Government Presents the "Alert" to the United States—A Delicate Matter for Past Consideration.

A Token of Friendship.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—The following communication explains the action taken by the United States in securing the British steamer Alert for use in the Greatly relief expedition.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE, WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.

To the President:

In a search for vessels suitable for the expedition now preparing to relieve Greely and his party, attention was early directed to the Alert, which is the property of the British Government, and was the advance ship of the expedition under Sir George Nares.

It was desired to secure this vessel as it is particularly fitted for the intended service, and as the insistent officers recommend her. Lowell was instructed to ask whether she could be secured for the service. Information of the wish of this government having previously and informally reached the British admiralty, private information was conveyed to the United States minister to the effect that the British government had not forgotten the very considerate conduct of this government on the occasion of the recovery of the "Resolute," and that should any vessel be made available for use to the expedition, she would be presented. The "Resolute" is the vessel, as the President remembers, that formerly belonged to Her Majesty's navy, having been transferred to the United States by American seamen, and thereupon was purchased by the government of her sailors, repaired and returned to Great Britain. On her arrival in England the vessel was received by the Queen in person, and the officers of the United States navy who took the ship thither were treated with every official and personal courtesy. The government of Her Majesty has now given the "Alert" to the United States unconditionally, with her crew, officers and such of her equipments as can be utilized.

Recognizing this graceful and opportune act of courtesy on the part of Her Majesty's Government, the undersigned yesterday instructed Lowell as follows by telegram: "Her Majesty's Government having presented to the government of the United States her ship Alert to aid in the relief of Greely and his party, you will inform the Secretary of State for further details of the vessel which prompts this act of generosity and this evidence of sympathy with the object in view receives the highest appreciation. It will be that the people of the United States. The President sends his cordial thanks for the opportunity of this vessel, which he accepts in the name of the United States, and which will be used in the humane enterprise for which it is so peculiarly adapted." Respectfully submitted.

FRANKLIN T. FRELINGHUYSEN.

TELEGRAPHIC EXTRACTS.

During the cyclone at Wilmington, S. C., the sky was a dazzling red color.

A large number of persons were killed in the Georgia cyclone.

Great suffering was caused at Paducah, Kentucky, Metropolis and Caseyville, by the cyclone. No loss is yet reported.

Twenty-two persons were killed and forty wounded within a radius of five miles in Dickens county, Ga., by the cyclone.

The White and Wabash rivers continue to rise at Cairo yesterday.

Four inches of ice yesterday.

Reynolds R. McLeod was killed by a locomotive at Westport, Wednesday night.

J. G. Wood, of Kentucky, saw the elephant on the Wednesday night.

A big hog of \$20 and \$50 bills, and a \$250 gold watch. He hasn't got them now, but knows more than he did.

Double steamship takes out \$20,000 in double exchange.

R. F. Barnes, of Brazos, Wis., cut his own hair with a razor last Wednesday night.

State of Iowa has been discharged, as there was no evidence proving him the murderer of his wife.

A bill to make Good Friday a legal holiday has passed the House.

Over two hundred persons are known to have been killed by the cyclone in Georgia, and whole villages were swept away.

Tom Henry, of England, knocked Jim Murray out in five rounds before a select committee of judges in New York City.

Both principals were afterwards arrested. The next consistory at Rome is fixed for March 17.

McCallahan, member for Malibu, has been elected to the Parliament.

England has sanctioned the future increase of Turkish troops.

Dr. Wilhelm Loewe, leader of the Physicians Association in Prussia, has been stricken with apoplexy.

The attack on Tokar will probably be made Saturday. Scouts report Osman Digna, with 7,000 men, guarding the details.

A Republican conference will be held in New York City Saturday morning, supplementary to the dinner in Brooklyn Friday morning.

A TRIPLE MURDER.

The Bodies Sold to a Medical College—Arrests and Confessions.

CINCINNATI, Ohio, February 27.—What seems to have been a peculiarly horrible triple murder with the additional atrocity of selling the bodies of the victims to a dissecting room came to light yesterday at Cincinnati. A number of men in the streets of that city, who had been living in the city of Cincinnati, had been living in the city of Cincinnati, and had been living in the city of Cincinnati.

A CALL has been mailed to about 150 Republicans of New York, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, Illinois, Missouri and other states, asking them to meet in conference Saturday morning, in New York, supplementary to a dinner in Brooklyn Friday night. The call says: "It is not proposed to organize a movement in behalf of any candidate, but it is hoped that, as a result of a comparison of views, some steps may be taken to give expression to the sentiments of a large number of Republicans who believe the success of the party in the coming Presidential contest can be assured only by the nomination of men in hearty accord with the principles of administrative reform, and such as will command the unreserved approval and support of the independent and thoughtful voters of the United States."

THE TEN HEROES.

Lieut. Schenck's Story of His Search for Them.

Twice Harassed and Twice Maltreated—11,000 Miles of Strange Wanderings.

New York, Feb. 27.—The bodies of the ten heroes of the last Jesuitic have once more reached the land from which they went forth to death. It was nearly 8 o'clock Wednesday afternoon before the steamer Prisma arrived at her pier at Hoboken and Lieut. G. H. Harber and W. Schenck, accompanied by a small party of friends, went to the pier. The tug Nina followed the Prisma to the pier, where Lieut. Harber was welcomed by a delegation of fellow-townsmen. Youngsters of the Prisma, who were dressed in black and white, and the German flag that floated at half mast on the forward deck ten rough looking crew were piled. They were about six feet long, four feet broad and three feet deep, and were such as are used in the construction of the Prisma. Through the agency between the boards the ends of coarse sackcloth and burlap flutters. Upon the cross-places of each of the masts, or coops, the names and destinations were written in red ink. 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The above cut represents the celebrated "Novelty" Baby Carriage, for sale ONLY by E. D. BARTHOLOMEW & CO. Feb. 20 -dlmo

LOCAL AND GENERAL NEWS.

Until further notice our price on 1847 Rogers Bros. knives is \$2.50 a dozen, or \$1.25 a set. E. D. BARTHOLOMEW & CO. No. 111-113
Dues voted at McClelland's 112th
Tax redemption notices have begun to appear in print.
(GERMAN) class meets in the Y. M. C. A. rooms this evening at 8:30.
Tom McGowan has taken the Cokerly mission and will run it in future.
FITTERS people are soon to leave Monticello county and go west. One of the number is coming to Decatur with his family.
Don't forget the free lunch at Dan's Bank on Saturday.
SAM LEE, 130 North Water street—machine ironed shirts, 10 cents, collars 3 cents, cuffs 6 cents per pair. dec 11-11ly
The grand march at the military ball tonight will be called promptly at 9 o'clock.
PATRONIZE Hanks & Patterson, the Whitmer block grocers, and get fresh goods at low figures. Goods delivered to any part of the city.
P. D. CALDWELL has the best grades of hard coal.
JAMES L. GORMLEY has given up the auction business and accepted the position of assistant day yardman on the Washburn.
The company flag is floating today from the staff on the Guards armory—Washington's birthday ball to-night.
HARD and Soft Coal at Martin's. nov12-dlt
Who is "Hon. J. W. Smith, of Decatur?" The Sullivan Journal says he is to begin a temperance meeting at that place on Monday.
Six the genuine "Irish Aristocracy" tomorrow night. Barry and Fay will do it up in the style.
Last night Joe Critchfield had a big crowd out to hear him talk on temperance. He will take a benefit to-night, giving a literary entertainment.
GRAND free lunch at Dan's Bank on Saturday. 22-22
S. S. TRACHENBERG meeting in the Y. M. C. A. rooms this evening at 7:30 o'clock. Mr. A. H. Mills will conduct the class. All are invited.
POUNCEY of splendid corn and baked hay at Tuller & Parkers, near the tabernacle.
The "Lough Diamond" will give a literary entertainment this evening at the tabernacle.
MISS S. O. WATSON, the milliner, will not leave the city, as has been stated by a morning paper, but will in a short time remove her stock of goods to a room in the new Hawthorn block.
CALL at Niedermeyer's handy store on the market and get good groceries.
THE Y. M. C. A. Gymnasium was crowded with young men last night. Mr. George Brett is instructor. He has the faculty of making class exercises interesting.
\$3.00 suits for \$2.50 at J. W. Baker's.
The formal transfer of the Decatur Coal Mine to Messrs. Forrer, White, Hawthorn, Wallace, Milliken and Armstrong, of the new company has been made. The deal was closed for record yesterday. Capt. Harris' interest was \$10,000. Evans' interest was \$10,000. Both sides are said to be ready for trial.
Buy a set of harness at the shop of J. W. Taylor, Jr.
MILITARY ball this evening at the Armory. The Guards will make you wet come.
ORDER your hard coal from F. D. Caldwell, P. O. Block. Telephone 256. oct 17 dlt
The public generally is invited to attend the meeting of the Philomathean Society this evening at the high school building. The programme published yesterday will be observed.
Puzzle shooting gallery, opposite post office. 28dlt
Contributions of every description, from town and country, solicited at the headquarters of the W. C. T. U. reading room and dining hall, South Water street. 114-114
If you want soft coal that will not fill your stove with clinker, order well screened Mt. Olive or B. McClelland. 112-112
Genuine Lutton Coat, bright and clean, at McClelland's. 112-112
See Palmer Tooth Soap, prepared by Dr. Thos. S. Hoskins & Co., Decatur, Ill. Sold by all druggists. July 27dlt
PETER ULRIKSON, the energetic grocer, will supply you with Frank Sidel's soap, compressed yeast and No. 4 coffee.
This celebrated Haines Bros. concert grand piano, the finest instruments made, can be had in Decatur only through the house of C. B. Prescott, in opera block.
\$3.00 suits for \$2.50 at J. W. Baker's.

Brilliant Marriage at St. John's Episcopal Church Last Evening—The Reception.

THE handsome auditorium of St. John's church was completely filled last evening at 8:30 o'clock by many of the representative families of Decatur and quite a number of invited friends from a distance to witness the marriage of Mr. STEPHEN A. McWHORTER, of Omaha, Nebraska, and Miss DORIS MILLIKIN, of this city, both well known in society circles in this and other communities. The altar of the neat church was simply adorned by a tasteful arrangement of calla-lily plants in bloom, placed among the beautiful furniture about the sacred desk. Promptly at the hour stated the bridal party entered the church in the following order, while the Nielsen orchestra rendered Wagner's Lohengrin wedding march: First came the ushers, Mr. Frank R. Shull, of Decatur, and Mr. Willis Post, of Peoria, and then the attendants, Miss Esther Wilson, of Bloomington, half sister of the groom, and Mr. Frank B. Johnson, of Omaha; Miss Frances Shullabarger, of Decatur, and Mr. J. W. Tins, of Trenton, N. J., and lastly came the bride and groom. The officiating clergyman, Rev. W. H. Moore, clothed in the flowing robes of his office, stood at the altar rail while the bridal party approached, and where the couple, supported by the bridesmaids on the right and the groomsmen on the left, stood before him, he proceeded at once to solemnize the nuptials by reading the Episcopal marriage ceremony which made Steve and Doris husband and wife. The company arose at the commencement of the ceremony and remained standing, the orchestra playing softly until the minister invoked the divine blessing on the wedded pair as they knelt before him. Miss Shullabarger, the first bridesmaid, then threw back the flowing veil from the face of the bride, and the party left the altar, passing down the linen-covered aisle, preceded by the happy pair, the orchestra playing Mendelssohn's grand composition.
The accomplished bride, who numbers her friends by the score and is a favorite in society circles, was becomingly attired in a beautiful white gown grain silk, full train, with veil. The ornaments were a profusion of orange blossoms and natural flowers, diamonds, and a bouquet of fragrant flowers.
Miss Shullabarger wore a pretty costume of seafoam, adorned with loops of natural flowers.
Miss Wilson was attired in blue silk, with flowers and jewelry for ornaments.
There was an entire absence of kid gloves among the bridal party.
THE RECEPTION.
Mr. and Mrs. McWhorter were given a delightfully pleasant reception at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Hunter Milliken, at No. 242 West Wood street. The rooms were charmingly decorated with a lavish display of fresh flowers, and were filled by the immediate relatives of the bride and groom, friends from a distance and the nearest neighbors. An elegant wedding repast was served party fashion, and after farewells were spoken Mr. McWhorter and bride left for Chicago on the midnight train. They will visit other points and then go to their future home at Omaha, where the groom is engaged in the grain commission business, and is also interested in a cattle ranch in Nebraska. He is a young man of excellent business qualifications, good habits, and is a gentleman who has a bright future before him.
The bride received a costly array of useful tokens of esteem and remembrance from her many friends, among which may be mentioned a magnificent Haines Bros. concert grand piano and diamond earrings from the groom, \$200 in gold, a finely engraved gold watch, solid silver tea set, silver water set, hand-painted chamber set, gold-rimmed china dinner set, and beautiful pictures, embroidered articles, books and silverware in profusion. Telegrams of congratulations to the wedded pair were received from London, England; Omaha, Nebraska; Bloomington, New Jersey and other points.
Among the visitors present at the reception were Mr. and Mrs. Edward Wilson, of Bloomington, parents of the groom; Charles Wilson, of Bloomington, Mrs. W. L. McKee, of Terre Haute; Mr. Theron Dyer, of Oregon; Mr. Willis Post, of Peoria, and Mr. F. B. Johnson, of Omaha.
The reception extends its warmest and best wishes to the happy couple. May their future be as bright and happy as the present. They will commence housekeeping at Omaha in the spring.
A WASHBURN freight train came to grief at Reedy this morning, caused by the burning off of a journal. The passenger trains were held here until 8:30 o'clock, in order to give the freight time to repair the break and get out of the way.
The preliminary examination of J. H. Hall and Dave Long, in jail at Lincoln, charged with the murder of McMahon and his men, is set for Wednesday, March 28th.
The Guards' military ball to-night will be a purely invitation affair. Only those who have received invitations will be admitted, and they are all cordially invited to be present this evening. Grand march at 9 o'clock.
Miss NELLIE MORRIS, a musical and historical prodigy of ten years of age, was the star of the evening. With rare vocal power and diction, she sang, "The Star of Bethlehem," and "The Star of Bethlehem." Her acting was far superior to many trained to the opera and concert—Peoria Democrat.
A "Good bye" party was given by Miss Nellie Morfee last night, to her brother E. B. Durfee, who will leave to-night for Lincoln, Neb. The Bonaire Historical Society was well represented and a fine supper was dispensed at 9 o'clock.
Free Lunch and Reception.
The Virginian hospitality will be lavishly displayed at "Dan's Bank" on Saturday—all day and evening—in honor of the genial Daniel's safe arrival from the Old Dominion. A splendid free lunch, embracing roast beef, other substantial, including palatable delicacies will be served. All will be welcome. 1232dlt
Big Fat Oysters.
Just received from New York also in the future we burn the famous "Electric Light" at Millers Lunch Room and Restaurant.
WILSON BROS. fine dress shirts for sale at B. Stine's.

PERSONAL MENTION

O. W. Challis, of Bloomington, is at the St. Nicholas.
Theron Fell registered at the New Deming yesterday.
Harry Durfee will leave for Lincoln, Neb., to-night, going by way of Chicago.
F. B. Shull left for Cincinnati last night.
R. S. Bohm is home from Kentucky. He says the Ohio is rapidly falling.
Mrs. J. D. Shaffer came over from Springfield to day.
Rouben Betzer and Michael Richinger went to Delhi to-day noon on business.
Mr. and Mrs. James B. Swan left for Jacksonville last evening.
Phil Miller, has returned to the city after an absence of four years in Tennessee.
Mrs. Anna Peggam, sister of Mrs. A. T. Summers, is visiting Miss Mary Breese at Jacksonville.
W. H. Linn is on his way to New York after a big lot of new goods for the coming season.
Jerry Dwyer, living near Bodiany, will sell off his effects and move to Decatur with his family.
W. V. Cook, Traveling Agent for the Washburn, passed through the city to-day from Springfield to Forrest.
Marshall Mason started for Joliet last evening after John Connors, the alleged thief.
E. Kelley has returned to Hannibal, after a visit to his uncle, G. L. Andrews, for a few days.
Harry Caldwell returned to-day from Lincoln, where he has been visiting the next governor of Illinois.
R. S. Hammond, from the Missouri Pacific, will succeed A. Selden as superintendent of telegraph.
Miss Effie, the daughter of Joe, will leave to-day for Chicago, to accept of an engagement to the telegraph to-night.
N. A. White has purchased a new Charter Oak cook stove for his hotel. The stove weighs 1500 lbs.
S. M. Adams, of Marion, has purchased the Travistock of hardware at McKeown's, and will remove to that town with his family.
Henry Lyon, the Merchants street grocer, celebrates G. Washington's birthday by unfurling the stars and stripes from the flag staff over his store.
H. L. Herby and R. F. West, of New-castle, Ind., are in town today, negotiating for the purchase of a Norman station at the Bronneman stables.
F. E. Randolph arrived from Chicago yesterday. He says many Chicago men of position and influence are becoming things for "Uncle Dick" for governor.
Miss Effie Critchfield, the accomplished musician, has arrived in the city and will take part in the Critchfield benefit entertainment at the tabernacle this evening.
The marriage of Miss Jennie Trentman, daughter of Mr. Michael Trentman, and Mr. Phil Albert, of Warrensburg, son of Mr. Martin Albert, will be solemnized at the bride's home, this city, on Wednesday evening, Feb. 28th.
Donnan Thompson is represented as not the same little, happy-faced Under-John as of old. He is suffering terribly from rheumatism and is unable to do his work with great difficulty. Portions of the play have been cut, and the dance in the second act omitted.
Rev. W. H. Prestley is seriously ill with a throat trouble and fever at his home, to which he has been confined all week. We are requested to announce that there will be no services at the Presbyterian church next Sunday, in consequence of the illness of the pastor.
Ashby Sparrow, of Mechanicville, is in town to-day talking with local ministers. He has a brother who is a fine musician and teacher. In the past he was the author of many songs, and has a whole raft of testimonials. He is thinking of locating in Decatur.
J. H. Haulton, advance man for the alleged "New York Art Star Specialty Company" was at the New Deming to-day. He failed to get a date for Decatur, as Manager Haines gave the snap no encouragement. The company is said to be a combination of amateurs from Egypt—Linn.
L. W. Wood, who accepted the position as Decatur land and extension agent for Kansas lands, and with Thomas Pennell, will passenger agent P. D. E. and road, will open an office at 135 Main street. Wood will handle the extension parties westward, and Mr. Pennell will remain in the office.
Frank Anderson, Esq., for ten years the western representative of the well-known firm of Milline & Bolman, has entered into the grain and commission business at St. Louis, on his own account. The Decatur friends of Mr. A. are glad to learn that his invincible business qualities have developed to his advantage.
The invitations are out for the marriage of Mr. Theo. Gaeber, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. William Gaeber of this city, and Miss Mollie Vandandigham, daughter of old resident Mr. McKeown. The wedding will take place on Thursday evening, Feb. 28th at Mount Zion. The groom is engaged in the stone business at Rockville, Ind.
Mr. Comly Lukens returned yesterday from a six weeks' trip to Florida much improved in health. He paid a visit to friends and the country, presenting with him copies of the Florida Times-Union and the New Orleans Picayune; also a large and perfect orange picked on January 17th from the famous Robinson grove, near Gainesville.
Henry McClelland holds the following offices in the G. and O. and is one of the Knights of Pythias: District Deputy Grand Chancellor; Representative to Grand Lodge; Chairman Committee of Appeals and Grievances; Keeper of Records and Seal; Master of Finance; Secretary and Treasurer of Section 161 Endowment Bank.
The Ball To-Night.
The fashionable event this evening will be the anniversary reception and ball to be given by the Decatur Guards at their armory. It promises to be largely attended and will be thoroughly enjoyed by all present.
FUN FUN FUN ALIVE!!
"Bob" Bardette, the "Burlington Hawkeye" man, will lecture on the "Rise and Fall of the Mustache" at the Opera House next Tuesday evening, Feb. 26th. He is the funniest man alive, and if you want to "laugh and grow fat," be sure to hear him. Gallery tickets only 35 cents.
NELLIE MORRIS' elocution and powers of mimicry will draw a crowd anywhere. —Charleston Democrat.
\$2.50 suits for \$2.00 at J. W. Baker's.

Action Taken by the G. A. R. to Supply the Wants of the Unfortunate.

Comrade has Durfee received a copy of General Order No. 4, from Department Commander Dikason, which recites the suffering and destitution of comrades, caused by the unprecedented floods in the Ohio river and its tributaries, and calls attention to the fact that assistance is urgent, and will continue for several weeks, as many have lost their homes and property. It is directed that special meetings of Illinois Posts be held and that contributions be made to the Post relief fund, the amounts to be forwarded with addresses of all contributors to Comrade T. W. Scott, A. Q. M. G., at Fairfield, Ill. ATTENTION, G. A. R.
There will be a special meeting of Dunham Post, No. 141, on Saturday evening, Feb. 23, to take action in regard to the above general order from Department Commander Dikason.
G. S. DUNFEE, Commander.
T. L. EVANS, Adj't.
The citizens of Decatur should take some organized action to aid the sufferers. A meeting of citizens should be held at once and committees appointed to solicit contributions, which will no doubt be cheerfully made by the benevolent.
Will Dance by Electric Light.
The Decatur Guards and their invited friends will dance by electric light at the armory to-night. The large room will be flooded with the white illumination and everything will go as "merry as marriage bells."
The Swain-Dimmit Marriage.
MARRIED—February 21, 1884, by Rev. Mr. P. Dimmit, M. J. CLAYTON, SWAIN, of Sinclair, Morgan county, to Miss EMMA DIMMIT, the eldest daughter of the officiating clergyman.
Mr. Swain is a prosperous farmer and stock raiser. The bride has for many years been an efficient and honored member of the educational corps of this state. A Christian lady of culture and refinement, she will be a valuable addition to any intelligent community in which her lot may be cast. The only persons invited to the wedding were the traveling preachers of Decatur and Rosemont, the families of preachers, Mrs. Travis, Mrs. Cleveland, and a few relatives. Immediately after dinner the new couple started for their home, Sinclair, Morgan county.
R. N. DAVIES.
Among the early birds on the limb this morning before 6 o'clock to select reserved seats for the Burdette lecture were Horb. W. Bartholomew and George W. Bright. Then came Ben Shockey and Frank Wells; later James Coop and J. W. Clingston, but those who came tripping along at 6 o'clock, thinking they were the first, got mightily fooled when they glanced up the stairway and found 25 or 30 earlier birds waiting for the doors at Curtis & Co's to open at 7 o'clock. Hurry headed the procession and got the pick of the board. The K. R. reporter got in at 10 o'clock, and got the very best he wanted. The police passing that stairway at 5:30 o'clock eyed the sleepy crowd rather suspiciously until they learned what brought them together at such an unseemly hour.
For Critchfield's Benefit To-Night at the Tabernacle.
Let no one and especially those who have been enjoying the grand speeches of Mr. Critchfield for the past week, fail to give him such a home that Joe will go away with no mistaken idea as to how much the people of Decatur appreciate him for his earnest work, among other people, which cannot fail to be of lasting good. As a delineator of character he has few equals, his selections are from our best standard authors. He is in all probability will be assisted by his daughter Miss Effie Critchfield, of Beardstown, Ill., with some of her choice musical selections. On the whole it will be one of the most enjoyable of the season. Joe believes in "the best" of everything. COMMITTEE.
Visitors' Night.
A fine programme has been arranged for the regular meeting of the Philomathean society to be held to-night at the high school building when visitors will be much welcome:
Piano solo, Miss Nora Radcliff.
Declaration, E. Jones.
Guitar solo, H. Campbell.
Recitation, Miss Lucy Keeler.
Vocal duet, Misses Fannie Ehrman and Annie Abel.
Piano duet, Misses Manie Freeman and Laura Ebert.
Declaration, Alfred Murphy.
Debate on the question.
Resolved, That the study of modern languages is more beneficial than the study of the ancient.
Affirmative, Charles Scholl and J. Westermann; negative, Clarence Watt and M. Westermann.
Answers, for no other reason than to answer to the citizens of Decatur and Central Illinois that we have received a much handsomer line of Carpets, Wall Paper, Window Shades and Lace Curtains than we have ever offered to the public before. Those contemplating purchasing goods in our line would do well to call early on us. AMER. & LOCKE. 22-2
aportemen.
Notice is hereby given that there will be a meeting at the court house on Saturday, Feb. 23, at 1 o'clock sharp, to complete an organization for the protection of fish and game as provided by law. All who favor this organization are invited to be present. COMMITTEE.
Feb. 21-22
\$3.00 suits for \$2.50 at J. W. Baker's.
Go to Wigwags' Lamp Store and buy one of those Steam Washing Machines, if you want to see the dirt roll out of your clothes without a particle of rubbing (21dlt
H. G. BURNS—We have used your White Pine Balsam in our family for months, and it works like a charm; it is the best remedy for coughs and colds I have ever seen. This is the uniform testimony of all my friends who have tried it. (Rev. J. F. Stour, Danville, Ill. 19-dewt)
As an article for the toilet, Ayer's Hair Vigor stands unrivaled. It cleanses the scalp and preserves it from scurf and dandruff, cures itching and humors, restores faded or gray hair to its original dark color and promotes its growth. 18
Our great slaughter sale of Winter Goods still goes on. Fleury, the French Outfitter.
An elegant assortment of gent's fine embroidered night shirts at B. Stine's.

CLEARANCE SALE

Fall and Winter Goods

LINN & SCRUGGS

Will dispose of Fall and Winter Goods from now until the 20th of February at greatly Reduced Prices.

Farmers and Mechanics, as well as the people generally, can profit by the Reduction.

Hosiery, Gloves, Underwear, Cloaks Shawls, Flannels, Blankets, Winter Dress Goods, Bleached and Brown Muslins, will show a marked difference in favor of the purchaser.

New Goods are received every day, so that our stock is kept fresh and complete in all departments.

DRY GOODS, CARPETS, OIL CLOTHS, WALL PAPERS and WINDOW MATERIALS of every description.

LINN & SCRUGGS,

Agents for Butterick's Patterns and Old Dominion Buck Gloves.

December 20-18dwt

By the Light of Day.

Portugal Grape Wine.
Used in the principal Churches for Communion. Excellent for Females. Weekly Post-office and the Age.
SPEER'S PORT GRAPE WINE!
THIS CELEBRATED WINE is the pure juice of the dead ripe (Porto) Grape, raised in Spain's vineyards. It is valuable TONIC & STRENGTHENING PROPRIETARY unsurpassed by any other. Being produced under Mr. Speer's own personal supervision, its purity and genuineness is guaranteed by the principal Hospitals and Boards of Health who have examined it. The youngest child may partake of its generous qualities and the weakest invalid use it to advantage. It is particularly beneficial to the aged and debilitated, and suited to the various ailments that affect the weaker sex. In every respect A WINE TO BE RELIED ON.
SPEER'S BURGUNDY.
Is a dark rich medium Dry Wine used by the wealthy classes as a Table or Dinner Wine, and by physicians in cases where a dry wine instead of a sweet port is desired.
SPEER'S (SOCIALITE) CLARET.
Is held in high estimation for its richness as a Dry Table Wine.
SPEER'S P. J. SHERRY.
Is a wine of Superior Character and partakes of rich qualities of the grape from which it is made.
SPEER'S P. J. BRANDY.
IS A FINEST distillation from the grape, and stands unrivaled in this country for medicinal purposes. It has a peculiar flavor, and is to that of the grapes from which it is distilled. See that the signature of ALFRED SPEER, Peoria, Ill., is over the cork of each bottle. Sold by W. C. ARMSTRONG, Feb. 18, 1884-dewt
Buckley's Arnica Salvo.
The best Salvo in the world for Cuts, Bruises, Sprains, Ulcers, Sunk Rinses, Fever Sores, Tetter, Chapped Hands, Chilblains, Corns and all Skin Eruptions, and positively cures Piles, or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction in all cases, and the weakest invalid use it with confidence. For sale by Swearingen & Hubbard.
Cheesemay Butter can be bought at the Decatur Creamery for 30 cents per pound. Butter has taken a drop. Feb16-dwt
Just received new piece goods, latest patterns at Flory's.
Oxley Decatur coal, lump and nut, from E. D. Caldwell. Telephone 256. oct17dlt
Wilson Bros White Dress Shirts, at B. Stine's. 112-112
Buy your hard coal at Martin's. oct30dlt
OPERA HOUSE, SATURDAY, FEB. 23.
The Monarchs of Fun.
BARRY & FAY
IN THEIR NEW MUSICAL COMEDY
(By Wm. Carlton, Esq., author of "Fritz In Ireland," &c.) the funniest ever written, entitled
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HUGH FAY as MICHAEL MULDOON. BILLY BARRY as MICHAEL MULCAHEY. Supported by their Carefully Selected
MUSICAL COMEDY COMPANY!
The Trick Donkey Danger.
MULDOON & MULCAHEY ON WHEELS, and the Famous THUNDERBOLT KRIK.
Under the Management of MR. W. B. McGINN.
Reserved Seats now on sale at Curtis & Co's. Prices 15, 30 and 75 cents.
Theater, Jan. 21-21d



WE WILL OFFER

During January an unusually fine line of Ladies' and Gents' Gold Watches!

ALSO SPECIAL PRICES IN SILVER WATCHES

We would call your attention to the grade of Goods we keep and the thoroughly RELIABLE MANNER in which we do business. You cannot buy a Watch of us that is "Too Cheap" for good business.

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Decatur, Jan. 3, 1884 -dewt

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Special attention paid to fine ORNAMENTED WEDDING CAKES.

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Jan. 17, 1884 -dlmo

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We have employed a practical furnace man from Chicago, and taken the Agency for the

CELEBRATED
"BOYNTON"
FURNACE,

which is acknowledged to be the BEST IN THE MARKET.

Parties thinking of building will do well to get our figures on a FIRST-CLASS WARRANTED FURNACE; or, if YOUR OLD ONE NEEDS OVERHAULING, come and have it done right by a man who knows how.

We are also Agents for the old reliable

BALTIMORE HEATER

A FULL LINE OF
HARDWARE, MANTELS, GRATES, &c.

Good Goods at Bottom Figures.

Ferguson & Dillehunt,

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Feb. 1, 1884 -dewt

Our Cheap Sale

OF
Embroideries and White Goods

Continues Until Further Notice.

And in addition we have placed on sale this a. m., a large lot of LADIES' AND MISSES' FINE HATS AT 25 cts. Former price \$1.00.

Also a large and better lot at 50c, former prices \$1.25 to \$2.00.

We also put on sale 10 dozen Children's Woolen Stockings, assorted, at 25c a pair, worth from 40 to 50 cents.

Also a large lot of Ladies' and Misses' Hosiery, choice 40c., worth 50 to 75c. Great Bargains and just the kind for this weather. Come and get them.

S. G. HATCH & BRO.,

143 East Main St., Powers' Bldg.

Feb. 5-11dwt

